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Tutor Teaching Tips

The Amazing Amazon (U)

MATERIALS

Leveled reader

Graphic organizer

Game cards;
Game board;
Markers

Graphic organizer
Leveled reader

Before Reading 3–5 minutes

BUILD BACKGROUND: Ask: *What is a rainforest? Where are rainforests found?*

PREVIEW THE BOOK: Show the child the covers of the book, and read the title. Ask: *What do you think this book is about?*

Read through the table of contents. Have the child predict some things he/she might learn about the rainforest based on the headings.

Show the child the glossary. Tell him/her to use the glossary if he/she cannot figure out the meaning of a word from the context.

Look at the artwork and ask the child what he/she sees. Show the child the boxed text and explain these contain facts about the rainforest. Point out the interviews with the animals and explain this part of the book is fiction but based on facts.

During Reading 10–15 minutes

Ask the child to read pages 4–15 aloud. If the child has difficulty, read the pages together. Then ask the child to read them independently. Have the child work out unfamiliar words by looking at the letters and word parts. Tell the child to think what word makes sense in the sentence. If the child cannot work out the word, tell him/her. Have the child reread the sentence with the word and then continue reading.

After Reading 10–15 minutes

RETELL: Ask the child what he/she learned about the Amazon rainforest from reading pages 4–15. If necessary, prompt by asking: *What else did you learn?*

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER: Ask what the layers of the rainforest are. Have the child refer to the book to find things about each layer. Then give the child the graphic organizer and have him/her record the rainforest layers in the second row of boxes. Have him/her record what he/she has learned about the layers after reading pages 4–15 in the third row of boxes. If the child has difficulty, help him/her find the information in the book and read it aloud.

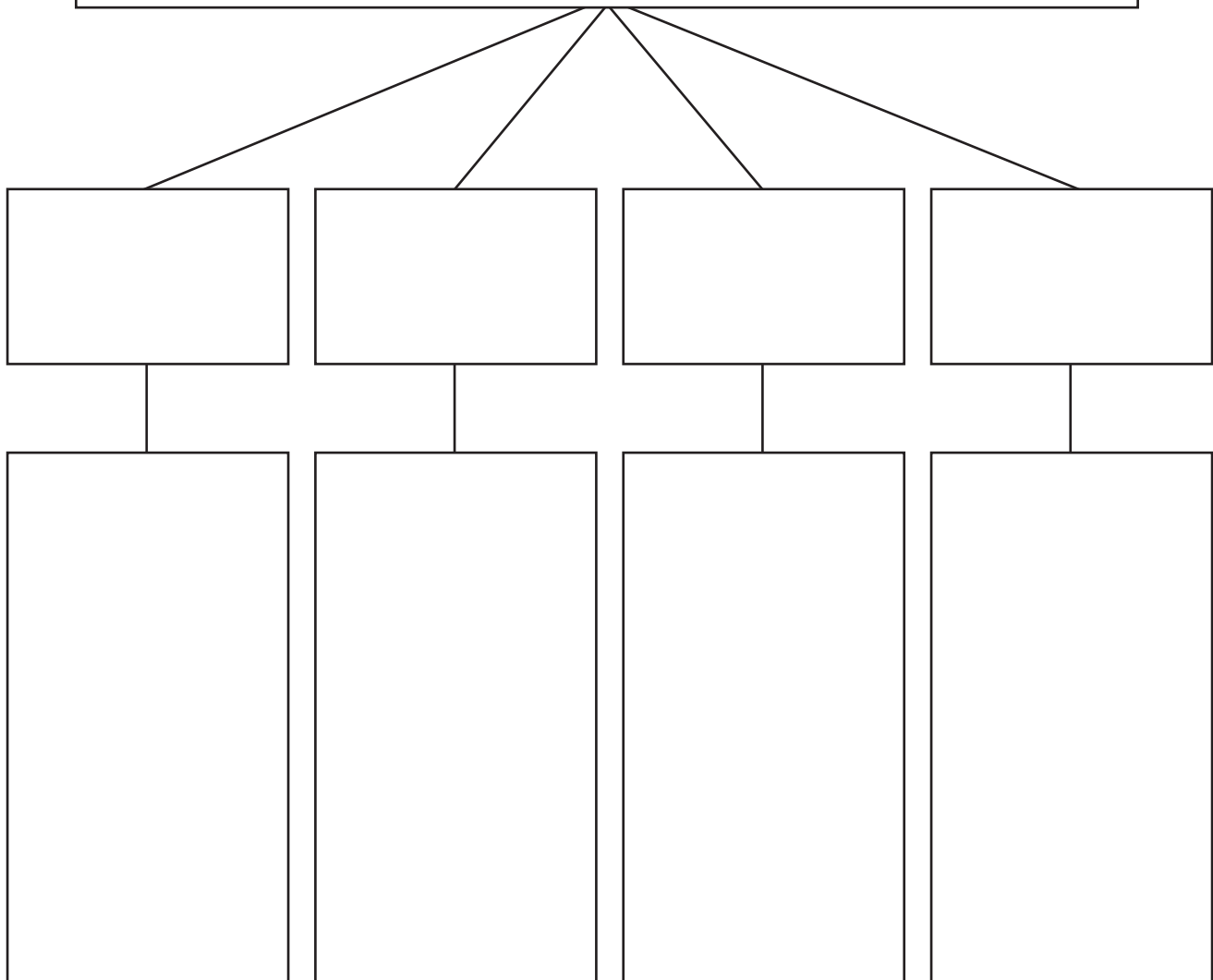
CRITICAL THINKING: Ask the child why he/she thinks scientists are so interested in the rainforest, and if he/she thinks it is important to study.

VOCABULARY GAME: Place the game cards clue side up in a stack. Have the child hand a card to you. Read the clue and have the child guess the word. If correct, the child can move along the board the number of spaces on the back of the card. If incorrect, the child cannot move. Have the child place the card at the bottom of the stack, and it is your turn. If the child has difficulty with the clues, allow him/her to find the answers in the book.

Home Connection

Have the child finish reading the book at home. Give him/her another copy of the graphic organizer to complete for the rest of the book.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Have the child write the layers of the rainforest in the second row of boxes. Then have him/her write facts about each layer in the third row of boxes.

Directions: These game cards are two-sided. Print or copy back-to-back to make one set of cards.

Leveled Reader

 Game Cards (FRONT)

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I use my strong yellow talons to grab my prey. I live in the highest layer of the rainforest. What am I?

I am the second layer of the rainforest where most of the animals live. I'm like a roof over the jungle. What am I?

I live in trees and use my long tail to hang on to branches. I make a noise that can be heard for miles. What am I?

I'm a freshwater fish that has very sharp teeth. My name starts with *p*. What am I?

I am the third level of the rainforest where ferns and young trees grow. What am I?

I am the biggest cat in North and South America. What am I?

My skin is poisonous. People use my skin for their arrows. What am I?

I like to hang upside down from trees. I am very slow moving. My name starts with *s*. What am I?

I look like a fish but I'm really a mammal. I swim in the Amazon River. My name starts with *d*. What am I?

I am another name for plant leaves. My name starts with *f*. What am I?

I am a capybara. I am the world's largest _____. What am I?

I am a hoofed animal related to the horse. My name starts with *t*. What am I?

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 Game Cards (BACK)

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piranha

5

howler monkey

3

canopy

3

harpy eagle

4

sloth

2

poison arrow frog

1

jaguar

1

understory

3

tapir

3

rodent

5

foliage

5

dolphin

2

Leveled Reader

Game Board

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